



**PATENT**  
**Customer No. 22,852**  
**Attorney Docket No. 06028.0028-00**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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François COTTARD et al.	)	
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Application No.: 10/690,696	)	Group Art Unit: 1751
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Filed: October 21, 2003	)	Examiner: E. Elhilo
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For: OXIDATION DYEING COMPOSITION	)	Confirmation No. 9761
FOR KERATIN FIBERS COMPRISING	)	
A CATIONIC POLY(VINYLLACTAM)	)	Date of Notice of Allowance:
AND AT LEAST ONE C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> FATTY	)	July 26, 2006
ACID, METHODS AND DEVICES FOR	)	
OXIDATION DYEING	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowability and Statement of Reasons for Allowance dated July 26, 2006. Without withdrawing the claims from issue, Applicants submit these comments to clarify a statement made by the Examiner in Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Examiner states that "the comparative data submitted in the Declaration filed on December 22, 2005 show that the viscosity of the hair dyed with the composition of the claimed invention that comprises Lauric [sic] acid is 6600 cp." This is incorrect. The Declaration demonstrated that Inventive Composition A, comprising lauric acid, had a viscosity of 6600 cp, not that the hair dyed with the composition had this viscosity.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's characterization of the Declaration.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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